

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/660,526	SHIH, CHAO-TUNG
	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the response filed on January 23, 2006.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-10.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:

#### In the Claims

Due to the allowability of claim 1, withdrawn claims 5-7 have been rejoined as follows:

--5. (Currently amended) The structure according to Claim 1, wherein the knife seat comprises two lugs protruding from a front surface thereof, each of the lugs includes a semi-circular pivoting slot, and the base comprises a pair of slots corresponding to the lugs, the slots of the base each comprises a fixing shaft shafting for pivotally connecting within the corresponding pivoting slot.

6. (Currently amended) The structure according to Claim 1, wherein the knife seat comprises two lugs protruding from a front surface thereof, each of the lugs includes a circular pivoting slot, and the base comprises a pair of slots corresponding to the lugs, the slots of the base each comprises a fixing shaft shafting for pivotally connecting within the corresponding pivoting slot.

7. (Currently amended) The structure according to Claim 1, wherein the knife seat base comprises two ribs formed therein, and the base comprises a resilient member mounted to cooperate with each of the ribs, the resilient members each including a device include plate spring or a spiral spring.--.

Due to the allowability of claim 1, withdrawn claim 9 has been rejoined as follows:

--9. (Currently amended) The structure according to Claim 1, wherein the base includes at least one resilient member and the knife seat includes two ribs therein, the resilient member is aligned with one of the ribs and includes a plate spring or a spiral spring.--.

In the Specification

Page 4, line 12, --to be-- has been inserted before "placed".

Page 5, line 15, --a-- has been inserted after "perform";

line 22, "difference" has been changed to --a different--.

Remarks

3. The above claims have been rejoined and are allowable based on their dependence from allowable claim 1. The above changes have been made to correct informalities and/or for further clarification.

Additional Prior Art

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The newly-cited prior art disclose inventions which have features similar to the claimed invention. However, these inventions, each taken alone or in combination with the prior art of record, do not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record, either taken alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention. For example, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed combination of a knife seat and a base, the base including a cutting board as claimed and being pivotally connected with the knife seat as claimed, wherein the knife seat includes a blade vertically installed thereon, and wherein the knife seat further comprises a notch (that is, a recessed portion as disclosed) that includes two inclined surfaces, a curved surface interconnecting the inclined surfaces, pressing plates as claimed, and receiving slots that receive the blade as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on (571)272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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